

WASHINGTON, DC -- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez today voted to override President Bush's veto of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The House vote of 361-54 succeeded in overriding the Bush veto. Rep. Sánchez worked with California Senator Barbara Boxer to ensure the bill authorizes \$4 million in federal funding for improvements in the La Mirada flood control system. The bill also includes funding for over 200 flood control projects across the country protecting the lives and property of millions of American families, including those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"The water resources bill is an important investment that includes an innovative flood control system that helps protect homes in La Mirada from flood damage, and also improves the environment," Congresswoman Linda Sánchez said. "I'm proud to support legislation that's a win-win for local communities and helping the environment."

The authorization gives Congresswoman Sánchez and Senator Boxer the ability to seek up to \$4 million in annual federal funding in future years to help fund improvements to La Mirada's flood control system. Without the Sánchez-Boxer provision in the WRDA authorization, no federal funds would be available to La Mirada to address its persistently problematic localized flooding.

Congresswoman Sánchez earlier secured \$125,000 in 2005 to fund the study phase of this project, which would incorporate environmentally-friendly innovations like bio-swales to clean stormwater runoff and prevent ocean pollution.